

THE VOICE OF BRAIN INJURY

The Brain Injury Association of Virginia was founded 35 years ago by families who were struggling to face the aftermath of a loved one's brain injury.

Since 1983, our goal has been to bring help, hope and healing to Virginians living with brain injury, their families and the professionals who serve them. We exist to be the primary source of information and personal support for those whose lives have been touched by a life-altering, often devastating injury. We also provide public education on the incidence, prevalence, treatment and prevention of brain injury.

We need your assistance to build the resources and the expertise to provide critical safety net supports that offer *Help* through care consultations that provide individualized support and resources, *Hope* through education and public service messaging that improves awareness, and *Healing* through advocacy that advances public policy and access to care.

Our Board of Directors consists of persons with brain injury, family caregivers and professionals from across Virginia. All Board members of the BIAV are expected to serve as ambassadors for the organization, by promoting its mission, supporting its goals, participating in fundraising, and facilitating introductions and networking opportunities for BIAV Board and staff.

We want to create a community of people who are *passionate about the mission of BIAV*, *committed to board service, eager to devote their time and talent to furthering the mission of the organization, and willing to be active in their governance roles.* We need people who are able and prepared to help support BIAV's development activities by helping identify and cultivate donors, personally donating to the organization within the best of their personal ability, and committing to and implementing specific and personal fundraising goals.

We are entering a challenging and exciting time, as economic and oversight pressures increase and the demand for our services continues to rise. We would very much like to expand our cultural and geographic diversity, particularly from the Hampton Roads, Southside and western Virginia areas. We are interested in finding individuals with skill sets in finance, financial planning, fundraising, marketing and public relations, as well as those with connections to colleges and foundations, and in the media, communications, and business industries.

We make a difference in people's lives every day, and invite you to be part of that miracle, by serving on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to contact me at <u>anne@biav.net</u> or 804-355-5748

Thank you for considering the request and the possibilities.

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Executive Director